

## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition of the AWE Supply Chain Bulletin which focusses on our Quality Requirements.

To maintain a high level of quality we are determined to establish and maintain close relationships with our suppliers and recognise that they are key to providing Projects, Products and Services to AWE.

Our Supply Chain Quality team are part of AWE's wider Quality community which this year have been successful in achieving 4 MoD Quality Awards and are a finalist for next month's CQI International Awards in the 'Quality Team of the Year' category.



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Our Quality requirements will be specific to the goods or services that you are providing to us, however we have aligned our Quality requirements with the Safety Directors Forum Good Practice guide, entitled "[UK Nuclear Industry Good Practice Guide to: Supply Chain Quality Requirements](#)", which can be found on the Nuclear Institute [Website](#)

### Applicability:

The 'Quality Requirements for Suppliers' document will be applicable to all Quality Control (QC) QC1 and QC2 grade (highest grade) purchase orders placed in support of AWE contracts. References to this document have been included in the AWE General Terms and Conditions but will take time to be included in all contracts.

### Why we have published this document:

This 'Quality Requirements for Suppliers' document replaces Defence Standard 02-884 (Submarine Enterprise Standard Quality Requirements) which was owned and issued by the Ministry of Defence and was not easily updated by the SE. It also includes all the content of NATO Standard AQAP-2110 (NATO Quality Assurance Requirements for Design, Development and Production) which has always been a requirement for our QC1 and QC2 suppliers. It has made possible, the publication of one document which describes the majority of the quality requirements common to all four SE members; each member then only needing to add their own specific requirements. This document is now under the direct control of the SE and will be reviewed annually.

## AWE - REVISED QUALITY REQUIREMENTS

Produced with members of the Submarine Enterprise



AWE, together with the other members of the Submarine Enterprise (SE); Babcock Marine & Technology, BAE Systems Maritime Submarines & Rolls-Royce Submarines, have produced a 'Quality Requirements for Suppliers' document.

### Purpose:

To flow down the common SE quality assurance requirements, additional to those specified in ISO 9001, into the supply chain. Each SE member will publish and flow down this document to their suppliers. Where there are AWE specific quality requirements, these are highlighted as such, and appear in bold text.



### The benefits to you:

Feedback received from our suppliers included the difficulty many were having in sourcing the NATO AQAP 2110 Standard, including being aware of revised versions. For those contracted to the new 'Quality Requirements for Suppliers' document, you will no longer have to source the Standard, as AWE have included its content within this document and will review as necessary. The format of the document matches that of ISO 9001 and should make it easier to navigate. For those who carry out work on behalf of more than one member of the SE, you will now work to a set of quality requirements which all look the same, albeit with some degree of SE member specific sub-clauses.

## SUPPLY CHAIN MAPPING

### New requirement for QC1/QC2 Suppliers:



Understanding our Supply Chain enables us to engage with our Suppliers and gives us confidence that any potential risks/opportunities to successfully deliver Projects, Products or Services can be identified early and proactively managed.

The Purchase Orders you receive from AWE should state the level of QC grade required for the works, services or supplies required. Since October, Purchase Orders for the higher quality grades, QC1 and QC2 items, have required Supply Chain Sub-tier Maps to be produced and provided to your AWE customers.

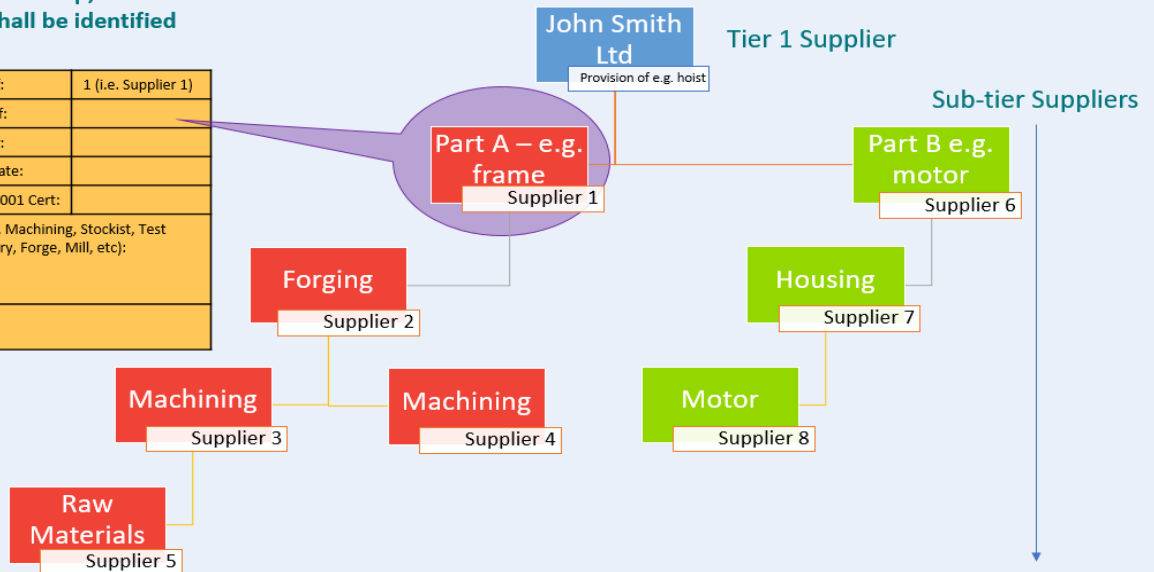
Some suppliers have asked for guidance on this requirement. We would expect the sub-tier maps to show the information as shown in the diagram below.

Your feedback regarding our 'Quality Requirements for Suppliers' or 'Supply Chain Mapping' is always welcome and will assist to continuously improve our supplier relationships. Please send to [SupplyChainQuality@awe.co.uk](mailto:SupplyChainQuality@awe.co.uk).

### Supply Chain Mapping

On a Supply Chain Sub-tier Map, the following information shall be identified for all suppliers:

Supplier Name:	Supplier Map Ref:	1 (i.e. Supplier 1)
	ISO 9001 Cert Ref:	
Supplier Address:	ISO Cert Provider:	
	ISO Cert Expiry Date:	
	Scope from ISO 9001 Cert:	
Nature of Sub-Contracted Activity (e.g. Machining, Stockist, Test Establishment, Material Supply, Foundry, Forge, Mill, etc):		
QC Grade:		



### FORWARD THINKING ...

- Remember to inform us of any changes within your business that could invalidate our records e.g. contact details, address, company mergers. In particular, if core details change such as address or bank details, please provide the information on company letterhead paper and email to [SCM.Relmanagement@awe.co.uk](mailto:SCM.Relmanagement@awe.co.uk) as a pdf.
- If your company has achieved successful certification/recertification please send us a copy of your new certificate eg ISO 9001, ISO 14001, BS OHSAS 18001, ISO 45001, ISO 27001 or Cyber Essentials to [SCM.Relmanagement@awe.co.uk](mailto:SCM.Relmanagement@awe.co.uk).

